



Staff recommended 2010 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS

- Statewide daily bag limit is 1 fish, no length limit; annual limit is 6 fish
- Possession limit: 1 daily limit at sea, 3 daily limits on land
- ★ **During days open to all-depth halibut fishing north of Humbug Mt.** most species may **not** be taken and retained, possessed or landed when Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel **except** salmon (using authorized methods during authorized seasons), sablefish, Pacific cod, tuna and most other offshore pelagic species **is allowed**. Retention of legal groundfish is allowed during days closed to all-depth halibut fishing when a Pacific halibut is onboard the vessel.
- It is unlawful to fish for or take and retain any species while possessing onboard any species not allowed to be taken in that area at the time.
- Anglers are advised to consult the 2010 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.
- The directed **commercial** fishery is scheduled for June 30, July 14, July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, and Sept. 22.

LEADBETTER PT. (WA) TO CAPE FALCON

All-Depth Seasons*

- **Spring season.** Open May 1, three days per week, Thursday-Saturday, through the earlier of 9,405 lbs. or July 18.
- **Summer season.** Open Aug. 6, three days per week, Friday-Sunday, through the earlier of the total subarea catch limit of 13,436 lbs. or Sept. 27.

CAPE FALCON TO HUMBUG MT.

Nearshore Season

Open May 1, seven days per week, inside the 40-fathom line (defined by waypoints) through the earlier of 12,284 lbs. or Oct. 31.

All-Depth Seasons*

The Stonewall Bank YRCA (about 15 miles west of Newport and defined by waypoints) is closed to Pacific halibut fishing. Anglers on vessels possessing Pacific halibut are prohibited from fishing in the Stonewall Bank YRCA, even when targeting legal species.

- **Spring Season:** Open dates are May 13-15, May 20-22, and June 3-5. Backup days (if sufficient quota remains) are June 17-19, July 1-3, July 15-17 and July 29-31. The catch limit is 105,948 lbs.
- **Summer Season:** Open every other **Friday and Saturday** (Aug. 6-7, Aug. 20-21, Sept. 3-4, Sept. 17-18, Oct. 1-2, Oct. 15-16, Oct. 29-30) until the total subarea all-depth catch limit of 141,265 lbs. is taken.

→ Inseason changes to open dates are announced on the NMFS Hotline (1-800-662-9825; #5; #1) and posted at www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP

SOUTH OF HUMBUG MT.

Open May 1, seven days per week, through Oct. 31.

